

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Mound and Seepage Pit Repairs
s. Comm 83.03(1)(b), Wis. Adm. Code

Several questions have been asked about the impact of the new Comm 83 code on the practice of “repairing” existing ponded mounds and seepage pits. In both cases, the practice consists of removing “contaminated” material (sand, aggregate and/or piping) which is a treatment/dispersal element of the POWTS component and replacing with new material.

Section Comm 83.02(1)(b), Wis. Adm. Code, states: “A modification to an existing POWTS, including the replacement, alteration or addition of materials, appurtenances or POWTS components, shall require that the modification conform to this chapter.”

The practice of removing and replacing materials in a mound system or seepage pit constitutes a modification of that POWTS. Therefore, that POWTS component must meet the requirements of the new Comm 83 code. This includes obtaining plan review for the modified component as stated in s. Comm 83.22(1), Wis. Adm. Code, and a Sanitary Permit for the installation as stated in s. Comm 83.21(1)(b), Wis. Adm. Code.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any POWTS plan reviewer or Wastewater Specialist. Thanks!